

REMARKS

The Examiner has required a restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-11, 15, 17, and 18, drawn to a composition comprising PRP and poly- β -1,4-N-acetylglucosamine polymer and a first method, a method of making the composition, and a second method, a method of use of the composition, classified in class 424, subclass 93.72;
- II. Claim 12, drawn to a third method, a method of preserving platelets by freezing, classified in class 435, subclass 2;
- III. Claim 13, drawn to a fourth method, a method of aggregating platelets, classified in class 436, subclass 63;
- IV. Claim 14, drawn to a fifth method a method of activating platelets, classified in class 435, subclass 63;
- V. Claims 16 and 17, drawn to a sixth method, a method for reducing hemostasis time in a patient, classified in class 604, subclass 4.01; and
- VI. Claims 19-21, drawn to a seventh method, a method for producing a platelet-fiber gel comprising mixing platelets with a fiber which has greater affinity for the platelet than chitosan, various classes and subclasses depending on their use.

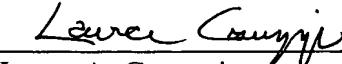
The Examiner contends that the inventions are distinct each from the other.

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-11, 15, 17 and 18.

Applicants respectfully request that the above-made remarks be made of record in the file history of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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